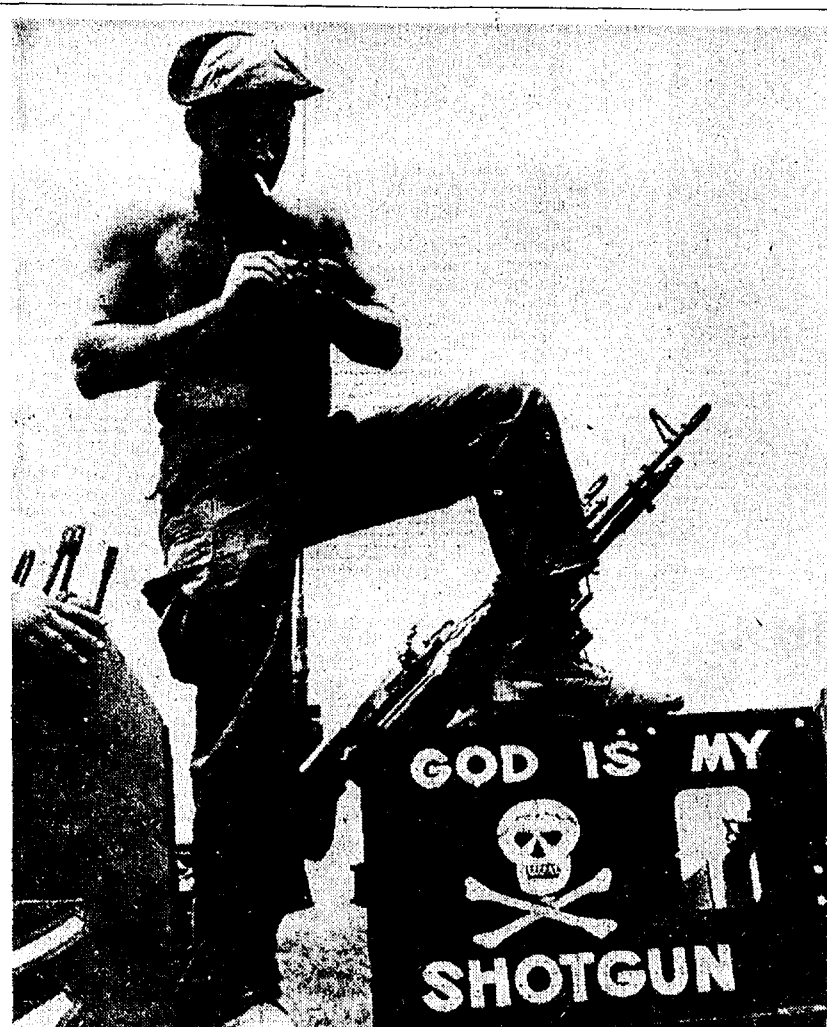


## Milliken Wants School Financing Shift



**DIVINE GUIDANCE:** An American soldier, lighting a cigarette in front of his machine gun atop a vehicle, stands above a sign serving as testament to his battlefield beliefs. The GI was among troops recently stationed at Khe Sanh, South Vietnam. (AP Wirephoto)

### MILLIKEN LOSES

## Skeptics Correct On State Pay Hike

By LARRY KURTZ  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING (AP) — As of today, Michigan's 46,986 Civil Service employees are assured of pay raises July 1 averaging 8.1 per cent.

And Gov. William Milliken's hope for a budget of less than \$2 billion is gone like a whisp of smoke, unless the Legislature does some heavy red-pen-cil work elsewhere.

In an unprecedented move, Milliken in February asked the Legislature to hold the average state pay increase down to 6.5 per cent as part of his plan for a 1971-72 budget of \$1.97 billion. The skeptics sounded off early, saying there was little chance a two-thirds majority of each house would vote to override the pay-hike level adopted by the State Civil Service Commission.

They were right. The Senate rejected the idea by a voice vote and the House all but ignored the proposal. Today marked the deadline for legislative action on the pay hike. There won't be any, of course, because the Legislature is on vacation until next week. So the 8.1 per cent increase level takes effect at the start of the fiscal year July 1.

**CALCULATES SAVINGS**  
The governor calculated a 1.6 per cent reduction in the 8.1 per cent proposal would lead to a saving of nearly \$26 million — \$6.5 million state employee pay, \$7 million in higher education salaries and \$12 million in increases for other schoolteachers.

While only the state employee pay is directly affected by the 8.1 per cent hike, Milliken said the increase level would reverberate all along the line. He said it would be difficult for the Legislature to give the educators lesser hikes than state employees get.

Now that the pay raises are fact, the state classified payroll for the next fiscal year is expected to be in the area of analysts in the Civil Service Commission base that figure on current employment and say fringe benefits add another 25 per cent. That would bring the total cost to some \$58.5 million. The figure could be higher, of course, if an economic recovery stimulates hiring.

For the current fiscal year, the cost is expected to be \$40.7 million.

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### Key Points In School Tax Plan

LANSING (AP) — Here are Gov. William Milliken's proposals for educational changes in Michigan:

—A constitutional amendment eliminating the property tax as a source of school operating revenue, replacing it with higher income taxes and a "value added" tax on business.

—A constitutional amendment changing the State Board of Education from an elective to an appointive body.

—Allowing local districts to levy up to six additional mills above the state support level.

—Requiring all school districts to provide kindergarten through high school education, thus bringing about a measure of consolidation.

—Additional money for compensatory education.

—Continuation of educational assessment programs.

—A teacher certification process that "relies more heavily upon successful teaching," improved vocational education and successful teaching.

—Improved vocational education.

—Appointment of a commission on higher education "to produce a plan for effective coordination of all higher education institutions and programs."

### Hutchinson Will Help Honor Root

U.S. Congressman Edward Hutchinson (R-Pennville) will be guest speaker Thursday night at the Michigan Frozen Food Packers association's 17th annual Distinguished Service to Agriculture banquet honoring State Representative Edson V. Root of Bangor.

The banquet is scheduled for 7:30 at the Ramada Inn, Benton Harbor, and will be preceded by a social hour at 6:15 p.m., according to Earl Steimle, president of the association.

Tickets for the banquet can be obtained at the following locations: Michigan Fruit Canners, Benton Harbor; Water-viet Fruit Exchange, Water-viet; Silver Mill Frozen Foods, Eau Claire; Michigan Wineries, Paw Paw; and the James Wilson residence, Bangor.

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## Would Hike Income Tax 2.3%, Eliminate Property Levy

By LARRY KURTZ  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING (AP) — Gov. William Milliken proposed today a sweeping shift in school financing in Michigan, including a 2.3 per cent hike in the state in-

come tax and elimination of property taxes as a source of school revenue.

Milliken said the shift away from property taxes would bring in hundreds of millions of dollars more for schools in the long run.

In a special message mailed to vacationing legislators, Milliken called for a special election this fall to let voters decide the tax issue and the question of whether members of the State Board of Education should be appointed instead of elected.

### 'VALUE ADDED'

In addition to asking citizens to pay higher income taxes rather than property taxes for schools, the governor proposed that property taxes on business be replaced by a 2 per cent "value added" tax similar to that used in some European countries. Basically, this tax is levied against the value of goods at various stages of production.

Milliken, who proposed two years ago a broad educational reform program that has made only limited headway in the legislature, said "The crisis in education is still with us and it has grown worse."

The governor, taking note of recent school millage rejections and school disorders, said three things must be done quickly: more money must be raised for education, sources other than

the property tax must be found and inequities among school districts must be erased.

Milliken said that among short comings in the present system is a financing disparity which has allowed the existence of a per student support level ranging between \$500 and \$1,200 per pupil at the extremes.

While calling for statewide fi-

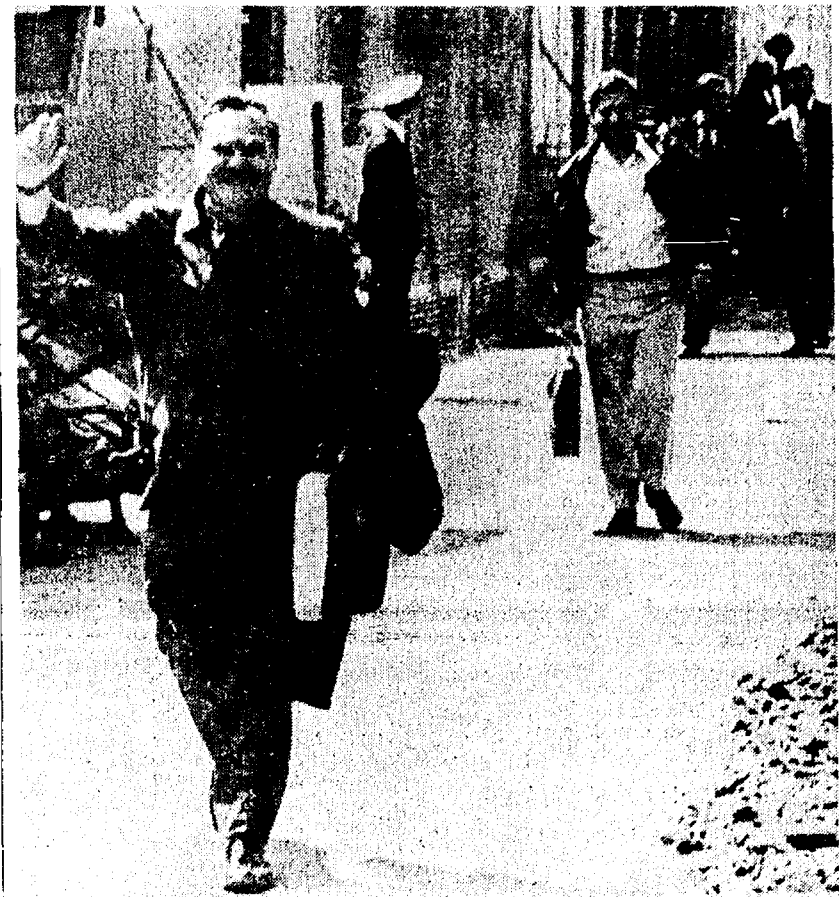
ancing of schools, the governor also said local control of education should be maintained and local voters should be empowered to raise up to six mills for additional support for their schools.

Milliken said that if his plan is adopted, "1971 will be the last year in which property taxes will be used to finance regular

school operating costs."

Milliken estimated the property tax now brings in \$1.18 billion for schools—\$618 million from individual property tax and \$560 million from business.

The governor said that by fiscal 1979-80, a 2.3 per cent personal income tax hike would (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)



**ON WAY TO RED CHINA:** Associated Press correspondent John Roderick, waving, leads groups of newsmen past Hong Kong border guard from the British immigration area toward border bridge leading into Red China Sunday. He and two other American newsmen, along with two Japanese newsmen, have been granted permission to cover tour of American table tennis team in Communist China. (AP Wirephoto)

### TABLE TENNIS TOUR

## Newsmen Warmly Welcomed In China

By JOHN RODERICK  
Associated Press Writer

PEKING (AP) — The warm welcome extended by the Chinese to the visiting U.S. table tennis team and three American newsmen admitted to China to cover their tour offers encouraging prospects for wider people-to-people contacts between the Chinese and the Americans.

The table tennis team is the first U.S. group of any kind invited to the Chinese mainland since the People's Republic was proclaimed in 1949.

Our news assignment is to cover the team. But the biggest story of all — China — is all around us and crying to be told. It is too soon to say that all the barriers which have kept

Americans out of China and Chinese out of America for so many years are coming down. But a hole has been made in the once impenetrable wall.

Not that official relations have changed or are about to do so. The Vietnam war and U.S. backing of Chiang Kai-shek bar the way to rapprochement. But the springlike warmth in U.S.-China contacts at this unofficial level cannot fail to melt some of the ice that has congealed in the long winter of hostility.

This is my first dispatch from China in 22 years. And Americans are welcome in the People's Republic—an event which would have seemed incredible only a few weeks ago.

### CROSSES BORDER

I crossed the border from

Hong Kong at 10:30 on a sunny Easter morning with John Rich and Jack Reynolds of the National Broadcasting Co. and two of their Japanese television crewmen Hirokazu Yamanaka and Masaaki Shihara.

With us were four other newsmen, John Saar, an Englishman, and Frank Fischbeck, a West German, both of Time-Life, and Jose Schlesinger and Bob Whyte from the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

Only Rich and I had ever been to China, and we were here in the years before the Communist takeover.

From the border to Peking, it was all smiles and handshakes. At Shumchun, across the bor-

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

## State Welfare Chief Deliberately Breaking U.S. Rule

LANSING (AP) — The Michigan Department of Social Services is deliberately breaking federal welfare rules in an effort to force a hearing on a regulation state officials claim has cost the government thousands of dollars.

On orders from state Social Services Director R. Bernard Houston, county welfare officials in all Michigan counties this

month have stopped honoring checks for personal professional services (dental care, optometrists fees) unless they are signed by both the welfare recipient and the professional giving the services.

### 'INCONSISTENT'

This policy violates "unrestricted money" sections of the federal Social Security Act, Houston said. Houston claimed

the act is "really inconsistent" with other federal programs such as Medicaid.

The act requires that checks be given directly to the welfare recipient without stipulations as to how it is spent, Houston says.

Recent reviews of welfare programs in Genesee and Ingham Counties showed that with dental payments alone, nearly half the money allotted never reach-

ed the dentists, Houston said.

In the last six months of 1970, of \$72,000 authorized for dental care in Genesee County, he said nearly \$34,337 was either lost or used for other purposes. In Ingham County, state treasury officials reported, some \$38,400 in dental service checks never were used for dental purposes.

"Maybe the unrestricted money concept was necessary for

some reason back in the '30' when the law was first passed," Houston said. "But it seems now to be a concept without a good rationale behind it."

**SAME BUREAUCRACY**  
"Under Medicaid, for example, the checks are paid directly to the doctors. Other federal programs work the same way. It's the same federal bureaucracy, but with different rules. I

think it's really inconsistent."

Federal officials, notified of Houston's new policy several weeks ago, have written him explaining that the government will not cover checks issued under the dual signature system, Houston said.

"I knew what their answer would be before it got here," Houston said. "But now we've reviewed the programs in Gen-

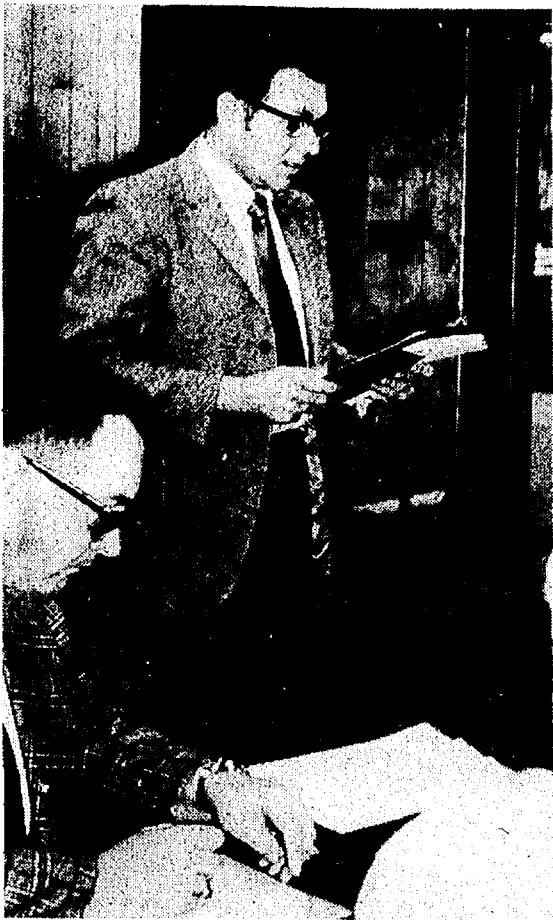
esee and Ingham and I think I've got enough data to go into a hearing and make my case."

Houston said he doesn't know when a hearing will be called but that it could come this spring.

"As far as I knew, no one else has challenged this regulation," he said, "but there doesn't seem to be any good reason for it."







## Coloma Accepts \$40,000 From Eaman Citizens

COLOMA — By a four-to-one vote early today, the Coloma school board accepted a \$40,000 donation from residents of the Eaman school area to purchase Eaman school property from the Benton Harbor school district.

The donation involved \$37,517 in cash and \$2,483 in pledges.

The board also scheduled payment of \$40,000 to the Benton Harbor district by April 15 during the special 7 a.m. session which lasted eight minutes.

### AIMED AT SUIT

Action on the payment apparently was aimed at offsetting a court hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. on a lawsuit aimed at blocking sale of \$2.45 million worth of bonds to finance school construction.

The suit contends the Eaman transfer and sale should be completed before the sale or an area not yet permanently part of the district could be obligated in the repayment.

The suit was filed by 11 residents of the Coloma district. Under a state school board decision, the former Eaman area is to revert to the Benton Harbor district unless \$40,000 for the buildings and 4.26 acres of land is paid by June 30. The

**PRESENTS DONATION:** Louis Gelder spokesman for residents of the Eaman school area reads statement on donation of \$40,000 in cash and pledges to Coloma School for payment to the Benton Harbor School district for Eaman school buildings, their internal and external equipment, and the 4.26 acres of land they occupy. A drive to raise the money was started earlier this year after the state board of education set the purchase price for the land and buildings before the district could officially remain in the Coloma school district. (Cliff Stevens photos)



**ACCEPTS DONATION:** Coloma School Board President Marshall Badt left reads statement accepting gift of \$40,000 from Eaman school area people. Four board members approved, while board member George Wooley, right, voted against. The board also directed the board's secretary-treasurer to tender the amount to the Benton Harbor schools with the purchase to be consummated on or before April 15.

Eaman district had been part of the Benton Harbor district until the board approved the transfer.

Voting for acceptance of the donation were School Board President Marshall Badt, and members Kay Erickson, Merlin Hauch and Russell Carlson. Board member George Wooley voted against.

Board members Richard Eastman and Dr. James O. Galles were absent. Dr. Galles was reportedly admitted to Memorial hospital Sunday.

Louis Gelder, spokesman for the Eaman group, read a prepared statement that said, "The people of the former Eaman school district portion of the Coloma community school district hereby donate \$40,000 in cash and pledges to the Coloma schools pursuant to M.C. L. A. 340.605, School Code of 1955."

"This gift conditioned solely for payment to the Benton Harbor area schools in full payment for the Eaman school buildings and their internal and external equipment and the 4.26 acres of land they occupy."

Badt said, "This board has been directed by the state board of education to purchase the Eaman school building, the Little Red School House building and all equipment contained therein, or thereon the 4.26 acres of school site, on or before June 30, 1971, and whereas this board is in the receipt of funds in the amount of \$37,517 and pledges in the amount of \$2,483 from the residents of the former Eaman District to be used for the purchase of said building, and whereas this board does hereby determine that it will purchase that building and transfer the funds to the Benton Harbor school district not later than April 15, 1971."

### BOARD RESOLUTION

Badt then read a resolution which contained three items. "Therefore be it resolved that 1. This board does accept the gift and does hereby agree to purchase the former Eaman School building for the sum of \$40,000. 2. The Board does hereby direct the secretary and treasurer of this board to tender

### Wrong Identification

Cadet Thomas Bentson who has begun nine months training aboard the steamer, Irving S. Olds, as part of his three-year maritime officer training at Northwestern Michigan college, Traverse City, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bentson, 2860 Thayer drive, St. Joseph. The father's first name was incorrectly given as Howard in this newspaper Saturday.

the sum of \$40,000 to the Benton Harbor school district and to receive therefrom the necessary indicia title from said district for said building, 3. That this purchase shall be consummated on or before April 15, 1971, subject only to any administrative delays necessarily involved in accomplishing that purchase."

## Robberies, Vandalism Investigated

Dorothy Guyton told Benton Harbor police that items valued at \$752 were stolen Saturday night from her apartment at 737 East Main street.

Listed as missing were a silver engagement ring, watch and jewelry box.

Norma Jean Robinson Saturday night told Benton Harbor city police a portable television set, record player, hair dryer and alarm clock, valued at a total of \$149.98, were stolen from her apartment at 239 Jefferson Court.

St. Joseph police on Easter Sunday morning investigated vandalism at Zion Evangelical church, 3001 Veronica, where limestone rocks were hurled through two stained glass windows and two plain door windows. Officers said the stained windows measured 12 by 14 and 18 by 10 inches, respectively. The door glass totaled some 13 feet in length. The vandalism was believed done between 10 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Sunday.

Harold Britt, a driver for Twin City Cab lines, told Benton Harbor police late Saturday night that he was held up at gunpoint and robbed of \$8.00 by a man who left the cab and ran into Ralph's lounge, Paw Paw avenue. A search of the establishment, however, failed to locate the man. Britt said he was called to 589 East Main to pick up a fare, but no fare appeared. Britt said the gunman, however, did enter the cab from the side opposite the house.

Benton Harbor state police cited Ira Williams, owner of the East End tavern, 995 East Main street, Benton Harbor, to the Michigan Liquor Control commission last night following the arrest of a minor inside the tavern.

Troopers, while making a liquor inspection, arrested Laura Jean Hall, 19, of 251 North Wellington street, South Bend, on a charge of being a minor in possession of intoxicating beverages.

Benton Harbor police arrested 17 persons this weekend on charges of drunk and disorderly, including Henry Lee Christopher, 37, of 2067 Taylor street, Benton Heights, and Jerry Ewing, 25, of 1194 McIntosh street, Benton Heights.

The two were also charged with disorderly fighting outside a tavern near Second street and Territorial road. Police said they had to use a nonlethal spray, Mace, to subdue Ewing, and charged him with resisting arrest.

Police also arrested Willie Harris, 71, of 149 High street, Benton Harbor, on a charge of drunk and disorderly after a resident of Harbor Towers reported a man wandering in the hallway on the third floor.

William R. Waudby of 442 Ohio street, Benton Harbor, said he was attacked by two youths and robbed of \$8 while walking on Kirby avenue Saturday afternoon. Waudby said the two came out of an alley between Pavone street and Broadway. Also stolen were 25 Inter-City check blanks and a Mobil credit card.

Benton Harbor city police said Carlon Ellis of 465 South Fair avenue reported a \$200 citizens band radio stolen from his car while his wife was shopping Saturday. The radio was taken while the car was parked in the Riverview shopping center area, he said.

Berrien sheriff's deputies arrested Louis George Pater, 49, of Paw Paw Lake road, Coloma, this weekend on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.



**STREET UNDERMINED:** When a 12-foot long crack in a 12-inch water main developed at the corner of Port and State streets, St. Joseph, early Saturday morning it caused more damage than the loss of water pressure throughout the city and shut off of water to the St. Joseph Holiday Inn and Lake View Terrace. Water gushing from the break undermined large sections of pavement on the State street hill. Today Public Works Superintendent Gerald Heppler said the entire section of the street may have to be rebuilt. The break was recorded about 3:30 a.m., it was isolated about 6:30 a.m. and service restored at about 1 p.m. (Staff photos)



**BUSY CORNER:** When 12-inch water main burst at corner of Port and State streets, St. Joseph, Saturday morning, it set up a traffic snarl while workmen make repairs. Part of the pavement was undermined and had to be sealed off from traffic. Heavy traffic, including scores of coho fishermen, had to share single lane, winding around the excavation made in the center of the intersection by city repair crews.

## Firemen Delayed By Errors

Benton Harbor firemen were delayed in getting to a fire yesterday because of two avoidable errors.

The first was an incorrect address. Firemen were instructed to go to 864 Vineyard street and found no such address. Returning to the station, they received an alarm for 525 Edwards avenue. That alarm proved to be false.

Firemen then learned that the first fire was at 684 Vineyard street, went to that address and found the fire extinguished. City Patrolman Darryl Williamson and Bob Partee, a brother of the occupant, had put the fire out.

Firemen said the fire started in a pile of trash in the utility room and could have spread had it not been extinguished by the two men. The home is occupied by Mary Lou Partee.

Benton township firemen extinguished a fire in the car of Curtis Orr, 1850 Highland avenue Saturday. Firemen said the fire destroyed the interior of the car. No cause was given.

Township firemen also reported four grass and trash fires this weekend. Their "no burning" ban is still in effect because of dry weather.

## Cub Scout Leaders Will Meet

It's spring house-cleaning time at the Scout Service Center, Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph, and adult Cub Scout leaders of Wabano district are asked to bring "take-home" containers to the "give-away" roundtable 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The leaders will be given a large amount of supplies for local programs.

Topics to be discussed include Project S. O. A. R. (Save Our American Resources), Webelos day, "The New Americans in Action — Expo '71" Scout-A-Rama and summer programs.

Pack leaders will receive information about their annual planning conferences that are to be held in April. The only distribution of program planning kits will be made at this meeting.

Host Pack 18 will provide refreshments.

## Third Sex Education Talk Tonight

The second in a series of three talks on sex education and family relations will be given tonight at Seely McCord school by Dr. Charles Wittscheibe of Andrews university.

The program starts at 7:30 under sponsorship of Benton Harbor community education and is open to the public.

## Good Friday Gunfire Claims Third Victim

The third victim of a Friday shooting incident died in Benton Harbor Mersey hospital last night, hospital officials reported. She was Mrs. Kay Crouch Smith, 33, of 176 Kirby street, Benton Harbor.

she was shot three times in the abdomen during a shooting at 509 Margaret avenue. Hospital officials said she died at 9:35 last night.

The other two victims died on arrival at Mersey on Friday, were Armen E. Holden, 48, of

509 Margaret and Gene Carver, 33, of 198 Bridgman avenue, Benton township. Holden died of a bullet wound in the chest and Carver of a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head, police said.

Police said a quarrel began when Mrs. Smith refused to talk to Carver when he came to the house and asked to talk with her. The three were shot with a .25 caliber pistol.

Mrs. Smith, who was also known as Kay Crouch, was born April 18, 1938, in Mayfield, Ky., the daughter of John and Georgia Crouch. She had resided in this area 15 years and had been employed at the Industrial Rubber company.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Smith of Hickman, Ky.; her father, John Crouch of Chicago; a son, James Jackson of Mayfield; a daughter, Gloria J. Olmstead of Benton Harbor; a step-sister, Gertrude James of Benton Harbor, and her grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Kalsow of Benton Harbor.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete today at the Finch funeral home.

### Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
April 12 State Police count:  
This year 450  
Last year 340



KAY CROUCH SMITH

## Rubbish Fire Extinguished At Old SJ Dump

St. Joseph firemen made a return to Industrial Island from 12:15 to 3:55 p.m. Sunday to extinguish a fire in rubbish near the end of the avenue.

The dump on the island is closed but the city still hauls brush and tree limbs to that section. Firemen used to spend much time fighting fires there.

### SJ Scholar Honored

James Lininger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lininger, 2712 Highland Court, St. Joseph, has been named to the Dean's list at DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind., for the first semester.

## Coloma White Cane Sale Set This Week

COLOMA — Coloma Lions Club President Al Benner said today that the Lions will hold their annual White Cane sale in Coloma Friday and Saturday. Approval to hold the White Cane sale was granted by the Coloma city commission during their March meeting.

## BH Schools To Make Plans For June Vote

Benton Harbor board of education will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight at 7:30 in Bierman library at senior high.

Among items on the agenda is a resolution calling for the annual school election June 14. Three seats on the board of education will be on the ballot — two posts for four years each and one to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 1973.

The board previously scheduled a special election for Monday, April 26, seeking removal of 13.85 mills in operating taxes and one mill for building and site.

## South Haven, New Buffalo Road Projects Up For Bids

LANSING — The State Highway department will take bids April 21 for a combined travel information center-rest area building on I-94 at New Buffalo, and a new bridge on the I-196 business loop at South Haven.

The South Haven project involves six-tenths of a mile of grading, drainage structures, bridge construction and paving on the business loop (Phoenix road). Estimated cost is \$1.56 million with completion slated December, 1972.

The travel information center will replace the one on US-12 New Buffalo, built in 1935 and believed to be the oldest facility of its kind in the nation.

Cost of the new information center and rest area building is estimated at \$180,000 with completion slated for June, 1972. It will be located on eastbound I-94 between the state line and Wilson road.

Bids also will be received April 21 for an accompanying

project — rest area lighting and a sewage disposal system to serve the rest area and travel information center. Estimated cost \$70,000.

Other projects in southwestern Michigan for which bids will be received.

Berrien county — A total of 2.7 miles of bituminous surfacing on M-139 from north of US-31 to the St. Joseph river bridge; US-31 from southeast of Scottdale road north to

Hollywood; US-31 bridge over the St. Joseph river at Berrien Springs. Estimated cost \$80,000.

Cass county — Bituminous surface treatment on 4.6 miles of M-119 from M-60 at Jones north to Hoffman street. Estimated cost \$20,000.

Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties — Chemical weed spraying at various locations, \$30,000.

## Fishing 'Fantastic' As Area Coho Catch Hits Thousands!

By JOHN VANDEN  
HEEDE  
Outdoor Editor

Southwestern Michigan fishermen had a very successful salmon hunt over the Easter weekend.

Smiling anglers came off Lake Michigan and the St. Joseph and South Haven piers with numerous limits of five to put the overall department of natural resources estimated coho catch in the thousands.

Almost ideal weather conditions lured thousands of fishermen to the big waters. District DNR fish biologist Dave Johnson, who ran a creel census at Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Saturday, believes between 500 and 600 boats made their way out onto Lake Michigan off the twin cities Saturday.

"I'm very happy with it," commented Johnson, a Berrien county native. "It's just what the doctor ordered. Everybody was pretty happy. I didn't hear anyone complaining. I even saw a guy surf casting catch a fish."

Johnson checked 40 to 50 fish on St. Joseph's south pier but noted that the best action was out in the lake from boats.

A count Saturday from

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Benton Harbor's municipal landing turned up 24 boats, 54 anglers and 206 coho. The

biggest salmon was weighed at 3 pounds, 3 ounces but most were in the 2 to 2½ pounds range.

Balmy weather pushed the surface temperature of Lake Michigan to near 50 degrees to touch off the

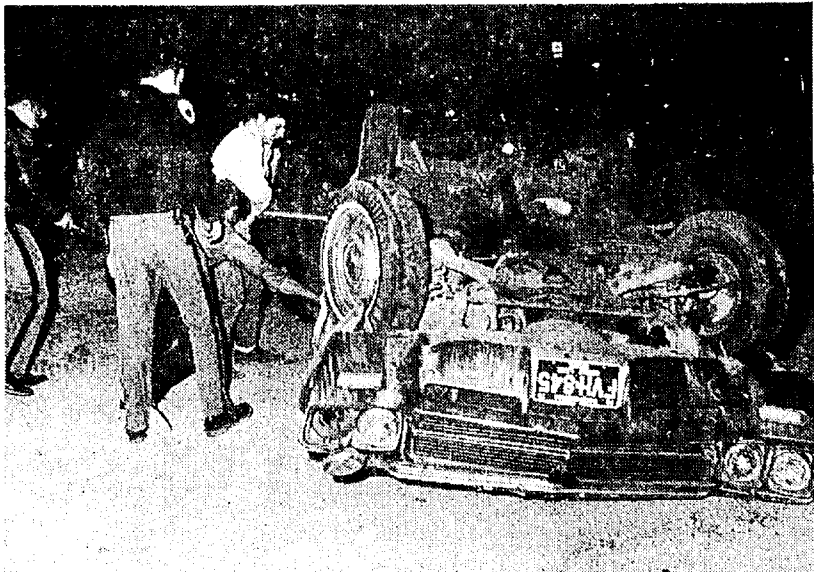
activity. Studies have shown 43 degrees to be the point where salmon first become active in the spring.

Most fish, according to Johnson, were caught in the upper three to four feet. Best bait were night-crawlers, Heddon's tadpoles and Mepps spinners. But the skipper of one boat told Johnson that they caught their limit and hooked and released about 25 more fish and that "everything worked."

Adding to the excitement was the report from a pilot of the sighting of a massive V-shaped school of salmon about three to four miles south of St. Joseph.

The fish are now close to shore and should remain there when weather conditions are right for about another month.

In about mid-May, the salmon start migrating north while moving offshore and deeper in search of cooler water temperatures.



**ESCAPES INJURY:** A South Haven man miraculously escaped injury late Saturday after his car went out of control at police roadblock and rolled over several times while being chased by police officers. South Haven police and firemen, above, try to remove Gerald Washegesic, 25, of 570 Maple court, after he was trapped in his car for nearly a half-hour. City police said they chased car nearly five miles before the vehicle struck a city police cruiser at a roadblock on Blue Star Memorial highway. Officer Dan Kelley and auxiliary policeman Murl Zillman escaped injury. Washegesic was released after examination at South Haven Community hospital.



**CARRY DRIVER:** Washegesic was carried out of his vehicle after it went out of control, crossed the median on Blue Star Memorial highway, struck two parked pick-up trucks and rolled over several times before coming to a rest on its top. He escaped without a scratch. Workers had to cut off a door because the roof had been crushed to the window line. Washegesic was lodged in the South Haven city jail to face charges of reckless driving and fleeing a police officer. (Tom Renner photos)

## Face Heroin Possession Charges

**PAW PAW** — Four persons arrested by state police Saturday were scheduled to be arraigned in Seventh District court here today on charges of illegal possession of heroin.

State police identified the four as Ollie Lee Simmons, 23, and Ollie Lee Smith, 23, both of Detroit; Larry Ozell Hampton, 19, of Ann Arbor and Carolyn Jean Smith, 20, of Benton Harbor.

Hampton and Miss Smith were also booked on charges of suspicion of auto theft from Ann Arbor, state police said.

Authorities said the car in which the four were passengers was stopped for a speeding investigation about 9:15 p.m. Saturday on I-94 near Paw Paw.

A subsequent search of the vehicle uncovered paraphernalia sometimes used in the preparation of heroin and possible traces of alleged heroin on the paraphernalia, state police said.

State police said Hampton is also wanted in Ann Arbor on warrants charging larceny, robbery and parole violation.

## Search In River Resumes

Dragging and diving operations were resumed today in the search for two Gary, Ind., fishermen who were presumed drowned Friday in the St. Joseph river, near Buchanan.

The body of a third, General Lee Johnson, 53, of Gary, was recovered Saturday afternoon. Berrien sheriff's marine patrol officers were still looking for Arthur Smith, 44, and Ernest Foster, 68.

The three fell into the water when their boat capsized Friday. Deputies said the boat apparently capsized because all three were sitting on the same side of the boat.

Marine Lt. William Beilman said Johnson's body was first seen about 30 feet off shore by Edward Draper of Buchanan. It was found about a mile downstream from the I&M dam, where the victims' boat had overturned.

In a lesser marine mishap, Beilman said about 5:20 p.m. Saturday, an auto and boat trailer, owned by Roy Anderson of Bridgman, rolled unoccupied into 12 feet of water at the St. Joseph turning basin. Marine officers and James Johnson of the St. Joseph Coast Guard retrieved the auto and trailer. The auto was listed as a 1971 model Ford.



**TRASH FIRE VICTIM:** South Haven firemen battle to confine a blaze that heavily damaged the William Wilson residence on M-140 south of county road 380 Saturday afternoon. Firemen said that a wind-blown trash fire ignited the frame home, a garage, tool shed and car. Wilson was not at home when the fire was discovered by a neighbor. Firemen labored two hours before controlling the blaze. Damage was estimated at approximately \$8,000. (Tom Renner photo)

## Car Dealer Is Expected In Court

**SOUTH HAVEN** — A South Haven car dealer whose dealership was closed last week by federal authorities was expected to appear today in Seventh District court.

A warrant issued on Saturday charges that Fred Glassford, owner of the Town and Country Ford, Inc., 1111 LaGrange, South Haven, conspired to conceal mortgaged property.

State police said they have been assured by South Haven Atty. Glenn Sperry that Glassford would appear on the charges today.

The warrant was authorized by the Van Buren prosecutor's office on a complaint from the Ford Motor company, which earlier filed civil action in federal district court. Ford claims the firm owes it several hundred thousand dollars.

The criminal warrant was sought after federal investigators were unable to locate approximately 60 to 70 cars, for which no bill of sale could be found.

On Friday, state police reported that they uncovered 21 new cars and trucks in an onion storage bin in Bravo near Pullman.

Glassford owned the dealership approximately eight years. Officers said it appeared that he and his family left the area after the dealership was closed.

## Watervliet Men Saved After Boat Capsizes

**WATERVLLET** — Jan Frieling of Calumet City, Ill., was credited by Berrien county sheriff's offices with possibly saving the lives of two young men whose boat capsized in the middle of Paw Paw lake Saturday night.

Frieling told officers he heard shouts for help in the dark and went to the scene about 300 yards off shore in his rowboat.

Rescued from the cold water were John S. McDaniel, Jr., Route 3, Water-

vliet; and Donald P. Byrd, Route 1, Watervliet. They were treated for exposure at Watervliet Community hospital and released.

Officers reported that McDaniel and Byrd were swimming toward shore when Frieling heard their shouts.

Mrs. George Frieling, of Bowes landing on the lake, said her son, Jan, 27, and his wife, were visiting here over the weekend. She said it was about 9:30 p.m. when a neighbor ran over to ask if anyone had heard shouts. They listened, heard the shouts, and Jan Frieling went to the aid in a rowboat.

Mrs. Frieling said her son approached and warned the

two not to try to climb into the boat, but to hang on and he would tow them to shore. On reaching shallow water, both were able to walk. Mrs. Frieling said McDaniel and Byrd said they were out for a ride when the motor shifted on their boat, causing it to capsize.

## Funds Will Be Collected For Cancer

**LAWRENCE** — Volunteer workers in the Van Buren county unit of the American Cancer Society are asked to attend a meeting April 21 to kick-off the county's crusade against cancer.

The session is set for 8 p.m. in the social rooms of the Lawrence United Methodist church.

Charles Merke, county campaign chairman of Lawrence, said volunteer workers are urged to attend and hear speakers and view two new films on cancer control.

Pamphlets and other materials for the campaign will also be distributed.

## Fire Burns State Forest

**FENNIVILLE** — An estimated 15 acres of the Allegan state forest was burned Saturday in a fire which spread into trees along a power line right-of-way into the trees from the grass. Firemen from Fennville and conservationists fought the blaze for three hours before bringing it under control.

## Niles Teenager Fatally Hurt When Dune Buggy Overturns

**NILES** — A 14-year-old youth was killed Sunday afternoon when a dunebuggy he was riding in a private field overturned and landed on top of him.

Michael James Gessinger, 14, of 2279 Warren road, Niles, died shortly after arriving at Pawating hospital. Niles. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gessinger.

State police from the Niles post said Gessinger was riding in a vehicle driven by a neighbor, Douglas A. Domokes, 15, of 2287

Warren road.

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The vehicle, police said, was a converted Volkswagen dunebuggy and was not equipped with a roll bar.

Gessinger was pinned beneath the buggy after it struck a hole and overturned about 1 p.m. The driver escaped injury, police said.

Police said Gessinger died of a skull fracture, injury to a lung and a possible spinal injury. The case is subject to routine review by the prosecutor's office, they said.

The accident, which occurred in a private field, off Warren road, in Howard township of Cass county, is not considered a traffic fatality by state police.

Gessinger was born May 6, 1956, in Niles, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gessinger. He was a ninth grade student at the Ballard school.

Surviving besides the parents are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gessinger Sr., and Mrs. Esther Conrad of Niles; his great-grandmothers, Mrs. Mae Conrad,

Mrs. Lennie Thompson and Mrs. Iva Teeple, all of Niles; a brother Charles and a sister Cherie, at home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Halbritter funeral home, Niles. The Rev. Donald E. Gordon, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Niles, Niles, will officiate. Burial will be in Mission Hill Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at the funeral home beginning Tuesday.



## Richards' Libel Suit Withdrawn

Clarence T. Richards, former treasurer of Tri-County Community Action Program, has withdrawn a \$24,000 libel and slander suit, filed last summer against Mrs. Helen Ford, executive director of Tri-CAP, according to St. Joseph Atty. Tat Parish, who represented Richards.

The suit cited a story published last July in the South Bend Tribune and a newscast on WSBT-TV. The news outlets were not defendants. The suit asked for \$4,000 in damages, plus \$20,000 in exemplary damages from Mrs. Ford.

Richards, a community affairs specialist at Lake Michigan college, was not immediately available for comment this morning.